

held a hearing on chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives consequence management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul N. Stockton, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Security and Americas' Security Affairs; and GEN Victor E. Renuart Jr., USAF, Commander, NORAD/United States Northern Command; David Heyman, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and Davi M. Agostino, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

#### **CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION COMPENSATION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Continued markup of H.R. 3269, Corporate and Financial Institution Compensation Fairness Act of 2009.

#### **U.S.-RUSSIAN RELATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on the Reset Button Has Been Pushed: Kicking Off a New Era in U.S.-Russian Relations. Testimony was heard from Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and Celeste A. Wallander, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, Office of the Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

#### **PERSONAL MEDICAL DEBT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Medical Debt: Is Our Healthcare System Bankrupting Americans? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2811, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injuries animal; and H.R. 3327, Ramos-Compean Justice Act of 2009.

#### **GLOBAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, COORDINATION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 3086, Global Wildlife Conservation, Coordination, and Enhancement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Rowan Gould, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Steven L. Monfort, Acting Director, National Zoological Park, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 2, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 147, line 4. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order (1) the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules, which may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question; (2) not to exceed eight of the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; (3) an en bloc amendment, if offered by Rep. Flake of Arizona or his designee, consisting of all of the amendments printed in part B of the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question; and (4) not to exceed two of the amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Campbell of California or his designee, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after disposition of the amendments specified in the first section of the rule, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each